

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An artificial turf for providing a marking at an airport, the artificial turf comprising:

a backing;

a plurality of base fibers secured to the backing; and

a plurality of first marking fibers secured to the backing so as to visually define at least a portion of a first airport marking, the first marking fibers located on the backing so that when the turf is installed along a runway or taxiway at the airport, at least a portion of a like pavement marking appears on the runway or taxiway of the airport adjacent to the first marking fibers.

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

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11. (Amended) The artificial turf of Claim 1, wherein the first airport marking, defined at least partially by the first marking fibers, is installed so as to be aligned with the like pavement marking.

Please amend Claim 19 as follows:

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19. (Amended) An artificial turf for providing a marking at an airport, the artificial turf comprising:

a backing;

a plurality of base fibers secured to the backing; and

a plurality of marking fibers secured to the backing so as to visually define at least a portion of an airport marking, wherein the marking fibers have a different pigment than the base fibers, the marking fibers located on the backing so that when the turf is installed along a runway or taxiway at the airport, the airport marking is sized and positioned proximate to the runway or taxiway to aid a pilot or ground personal to navigate through the airport.

Please amend Claim 36 as follows:

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36. (Amended) An airport marking system comprising:

a backing;

a plurality of base fibers secured to the backing;

a plurality of marking fibers secured to the backing, wherein the marking fibers are visually different from the base fibers; and
an attachment mechanism that secures the backing to a runway or taxiway of an airport.

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[Please amend Claim 37 as follows:]

37. (Amended) An airport marking and arrester bed system comprising:
a backing;
a plurality of base fibers secured to the backing;
a plurality of marking fibers secured to the backing, wherein the marking fibers are visually different from the base fibers;
a base beneath the backing, the base adapted to slow a moving aircraft; and
an attachment mechanism that secures the backing to a runway or taxiway of an airport.

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Please cancel Claims 38 and 39 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please add new Claim 40 as follows:

40. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 1, wherein the first airport marking, defined at least partially by the first marking fibers, is larger than the like pavement marking.

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[Please add new Claim 41 as follows:]

41. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 1, wherein the first airport marking is positioned adjacent to and slightly in front of, from a standpoint of a moving aircraft or vehicle, the like pavement marking.

[Please add new Claim 42 as follows:]

42. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 1, which includes fibers secured to the backing so as to visually define at least a portion of a second marking visible from an aircraft landing at the airport.

[Please add new Claim 43 as follows:]

43. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 42, wherein the second marking includes at least one character selected from the group consisting of: English wording, Spanish wording, French wording, Arabic numerals, Roman numerals, punctuation and any characters found on a typewriter.

[Please add new Claim 44 as follows:]

44. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 1, wherein the airport marking resides on two sides of the runway or taxiway.

[Please add new Claim 45 as follows:]

45. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 19, wherein the airport marking, defined at least partially by the first marking fibers, repeats a marking displayed on the runway or taxiway.

[Please add new Claim 46 as follows:]

46. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 45, wherein the airport marking, defined at least partially by the first marking fibers, is larger than the marking on the runway or taxiway.

[Please add new Claim 47 as follows:]

47. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 19, wherein the airport marking is positioned slightly in front of, from a standpoint of a moving aircraft or vehicle, a like pavement marking.

[Please add new Claim 48 as follows:]

48. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 19, wherein the airport marking is a first airport marking and which includes marking fibers secured to the backing so as to visually define at least a portion of a second marking visible from an aircraft landing at the airport.

[Please add new Claim 49 as follows:]

49. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 48, wherein the second marking includes at least one character selected from the group consisting of: English wording, Spanish wording, French wording, Arabic numerals, Roman numerals, punctuation and any characters found on a typewriter.

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[Please add new Claim 50 as follows:]

50. (Newly Added) The artificial turf of Claim 19, wherein the airport marking resides on two sides of the runway or taxiway.

[Please add new Claim 51 as follows:]

51. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 36, wherein the marking fibers define at least a portion of an airport marking selected from the group consisting of: a runway holding position line, a taxiway holding position line, an instrument landing system boundary marking, an aircraft/safety vehicle holding position signal, an aircraft/safety vehicle direction signal and an aircraft/safety vehicle location signal.

[Please add new Claim 52 as follows:]

52. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 36, wherein the marking fibers define at least a portion of an airport marking that repeats a marking displayed on the runway or taxiway.

[Please add new Claim 53 as follows:]

53. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 52, wherein the airport marking, defined at least partially by the first marking fibers, is larger than the marking on the runway or taxiway.

[Please add new Claim 54 as follows:]

54. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 36, wherein the airport marking is positioned slightly in front of, from a standpoint of a moving aircraft or vehicle, a like pavement marking.

Please add new Claim 55 as follows:

55. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 36, wherein the marking fibers define at least a portion of an airport marking visible from an aircraft landing at the airport.

Please add new Claim 56 as follows:

56. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 55, wherein the airport marking includes at least one character selected from the group consisting of: English wording, Spanish wording, French wording, Arabic numerals, Roman numerals, punctuation and any characters found on a typewriter.

Please add new Claim 57 as follows:

57. (Newly Added) An airport marking system comprising:
a backing placed adjacent to a runway or taxiway of an airport;
a plurality of base fibers secured to the backing; and
a plurality of marking fibers secured to the backing, wherein the marking fibers define at least a portion of an airport marking with respect to the base fibers, the airport marking selected from the group consisting of: a runway holding position line, a taxiway holding position line, an instrument landing system boundary marking, an aircraft/safety vehicle holding position signal, an aircraft/safety vehicle direction signal and an aircraft/safety vehicle location signal.

Please add new Claim 58 as follows:

58. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 57, wherein the airport marking repeats a marking displayed on the runway or taxiway.

Please add new Claim 59 as follows:

59. (Newly Added) An airport marking system comprising:
a backing placed adjacent to a runway or taxiway of an airport;
a plurality of base fibers secured to the backing; and
a plurality of marking fibers secured to the backing, wherein the marking fibers define at least a portion of an airport marking that is visible from an aircraft landing at the airport.

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[Please add new Claim 60 as follows:]

60. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 59, wherein the airport marking includes at least one character selected from the group consisting of: English wording, Spanish wording, French wording, Arabic numerals, Roman numerals, punctuation and any characters found on a typewriter.

[Please add new Claim 61 as follows:]

61. (Newly Added) The airport marking system of Claim 59, wherein at least one of the base fibers and the marking fibers includes a repelling fiber on which it is uncomfortable for a bird or animal to walk.